



Department of Housing and Community Development

An Overview

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Agency Mission

The Department of Housing and Community Development works in partnership to make Virginia's communities safe, affordable, and prosperous places in which to live, work and do business.

What We Do

DHCD takes a community development approach to collaborate with Virginia's communities to fully develop their economic potential and create a healthy, safe, and affordable living environment

Our Resources

FY 2006		% of Total
General Funds	\$ 44,615,134	38.5%
Non-general Funds	\$ 71,318,291	61.5%
Total	\$ 115,933,425	
Tax Credits	\$ 8,000,000	
Total	\$ 123,933,425	

❖ Number of Employees: 136

Role in Housing

- ❖ Expanding homeownership options.
- ❖ Addressing gaps in affordable housing.
- ❖ Decreasing the level of substandard housing.
- ❖ Building the capacity of not-for-profit housing developers.
- ❖ Intervening to prevent homelessness.
- ❖ Providing shelter and services to homeless individuals and families.

Role in Community and Economic Development

- ❖ Revitalization of distressed areas.
- ❖ Support for community economic development.
- ❖ Fostering entrepreneurship.
- ❖ Development of community infrastructure.
- ❖ Building more livable communities.
- ❖ Building the capacity of community organizations.

Role in Building and Fire Regulation

- ❖ Development of state building and fire codes, including the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) and State Fire Prevention Code (SFPC).
- ❖ Fostering the re-use of older buildings through the new Virginia Rehabilitation Code.
- ❖ Striving to achieve uniformity in the implementation of the state building and fire codes through training, technical assistance and the appeals process.
- ❖ Regulation of the manufactured housing industry.
- ❖ Directly responsible for fire safety in state-owned buildings and in localities without a local fire marshal.

Additional Roles . . .

- ❖ Supporting regional approaches.
- ❖ Reviewing inter-local agreements and boundary adjustments.
- ❖ Serving as a pass-through organization for state funding to agency related entities:
 - Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project
 - Center for Rural Virginia
 - Planning District Commissions

DHCD and VHDA

- ❖ DHCD and VHDA work together to meet the housing needs of Virginians.
- ❖ The structure of existing state and federal low-income housing tax credits programs requires coordination between the two agencies.
- ❖ VHDA is a major source of finance for a variety of housing options serving low- and moderate-income Virginians.
- ❖ DHCD focuses on areas of particular or specialized housing needs, including lower-income families and households that may not qualify for some VHDA programs.

DHCD and VHDA

- ❖ VHDA and DHCD share responsibilities for various aspects of housing program design and operation.
- ❖ DHCD provides guidance on policies and programs using federal and state funds, while VHDA performs the financial transactions and monitoring.
- ❖ Cross-cutting membership requirements for the boards.
- ❖ Reporting on programs that involve both agencies.
- ❖ The agencies operate within an environment in which housing is a critical component of broader efforts intended to enhance the overall well-being of Virginia's communities.



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